

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, the Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application. Claims 1-58 remain in the application and of these claims 1-31 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 32 and 44 have been amended.

Applicant reviewed the allowed claims as provided in the Notice of Allowance of May 24, 2010, and believes they are unnecessarily restrictive. Accordingly, claims 32 and 44 have been amended accordingly. Applicant is also in the process of preparing a supplemental amendment which will be filed shortly.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore earnestly solicited.

The absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue, or comment of the Office Action does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue, or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be other reasons for patentability of any or all claims that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede, or an actual concession of, any issue with regard to any claim, or any cited art, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment or cancellation of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment or cancellation.

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If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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